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DATE : 19 MAY 1954

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : GUATEMALA

ACTION: WH (PBS) (1-3)

INFO : DCI (4), D/DCI (5), DD/P (L) (6), WH (7), A/DD/P/P (B), SA/PC/DCI (9)

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ROUTINE

PRECEDENCE

TO: OPIM SLINC

INFO: DIR

CITE: SGUAT

RYBAT PBSUCCESS INTEL

1. IN VIEW UNCOORDINATED VISIT ODOATH REP FROM WSHOOFs TO PUERTO BARRIOS AND SINCE HE ADVISED THROUGH HIS AIDE THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR MEETING WITH FIRST MATE ALFHEM, I ARRANGED SEND [ ] PUERTO BARRIOS AS COPILOT SAME PLANE WHICH BROUGHT ODOATH REP AIDE TO CAPITAL. [ ] PROVIDED AMPLE FUNDS IN CASE OPPORTUNITY PURCHASE INFO OR EQUIPMENT SHOULD ARISE. MEETING WITH FIRST MATE NOT HELD.

2. FOLLOWING REPORT FROM [ ] EVALUATED A-2; AMONG CARGO LEAVING PUERTO BARRIOS BY TRAIN AT 1520 HOURS 18 MAY WERE BOXES 36 INCHES LONG, 18 INCHES HIGH AND 18 INCHES WIDE WEIGHED FROM 130 TO 175 POUNDS EACH. SPECIAL CARE GIVEN INDICATES POSSIBILITY CONTAINED AMMO. BOXES BEAR WORD "BELGICA" AND BEARING STENCILLED CHAMPAGNE GLASS AND AN ARROWHEAD BEARING IN UPPER LEFTHAND PRONG LETTER D; LETTER C APPEARS IN RIGHTHAND PRONG, LETTER S AND O VERTICALLY IN CENTER. BELOW ARROWHEAD APPEARED NUMBERS 1/495; THIS ON ONE BOX. MAY INDICATE BOX 1 OF 495.

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3. IN FRONT PORT CAPTAIN OFFICE WERE 32 SOLDIERS WITH FULL ARMAMENT INCLUDING BAYONETS. MIN DEF SANCHEZ [ ] TURNED LIVID WITH FURY. ALFONSO MARTINEZ AND COLONEL FRANCISCO CASTRO FUENTES CHIEF OF STAFF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED. SANCHEZ STAYED NIGHT 18 MAY HOTEL DEL NORTE AND CORRIDOR OUTSIDE GUARDED BY 2 FULLY ARMED SOLDIERS. PORT AREA FILLED WITH TROOPS. 2 PLAINCLOTHESMEN PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED IN CAPITAL ALSO SEEN IN PORT.

4. RAILROAD AREA KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY [ ] FROM 2215 HOURS 18 MAY FROM PORCH SECOND STORY RAILROAD GUESTHOUSE WHICH SURVEILLED BY 2 GUARDS ONE MILITARY ONE CIVILIAN AT 0230 MORNING 19 MAY GUARD AT REAR OF HOUSE SLEPT. [ ] WAITED UNTIL 0315 A.M. AND PROCEEDED RECONNAISSANCE RAILROAD YARDS. IN SEMICIRCLE ROUGHLY 400 YARDS COUNTED 40 MILITARY GUARDS OF WHICH HALF ASLEEP.

5. NO ACTIVITY IN RAILROAD YARDS FROM 23 HOURS NIGHT 18 MAY WHEN UNLOADING SUSPENDED. SURVEILLANCE-RECONNAISSANCE ENDED 0420 HOURS MORNING 19 MAY.

6. [ ] PBPRIME CITIZEN,  
[ ] WEIGHT [ ] HAIR [ ] AGE [ ]

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[ ] AND WILL ATTEMPT STEAL ONE OR MORE UNOPENED BOXES.  
IF SUCCESSFUL WILL BURN AND ADVISE [ ]  
EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE OBTAIN SHIP MANIFEST BUT IF EXISTS  
PROBABLY LOCKED CAPTAIN'S SAFE. [ ] STATED HE HAS NOT SEEN.

7. [ ]

8. PICTURES TAKEN YESTERDAY ALFHEM SHOW DRUMS BEING  
UNLOADED, APPEARS UNLOADING WILL LAST FURTHER TWO OR THREE  
DAYS.

9. FOLLOWING FROM ODOATH REP AND EVALUATED B-3: [ ]  
ALFHEM SAID ANOTHER SHIP FOR WSBURNT DEPARTED STETTIN THREE  
WEEKS BEFORE ALFHEM BUT WAS PASSED ENROUTE. PRESENT WHERE-  
ABOUTS UNKNOWN.

10. ALFHEM SAILED DESTINED DAKAR BUT TWO DAYS FROM THERE  
REROUTED TO CURACAO. THEN REROUTED TO PUERTO CORTEZ AND  
FINALLY TO PUERTO BARRIOS WHICH PORT OF LANDING. CHANGES  
ALWAYS TWO DAYS OUT OF PORT.

11. ATTEMPTING OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARRIVAL OF AT  
LEAST THREE FOREIGN TECHNICIANS OR PILOTS. ARBENZ STATED HE  
WOULD RELEASE PRESENT MILITARY MISSION BECAUSE MEMBERS KNOW

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NOTHING ABOUT ARMS NOW ARRIVING. SAID HE WOULD BRING IN  
EUROPEANS. ESPERANCE B-3.

12. RUMORS 15 MIG-15 AMONG ALFHEM SHIPMENT.

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CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT:

MR. [ ] WH, NOTIFIED OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE  
AT 2345 19 MAY 54.

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